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Art Unit 3611

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/688,924; Filed: October 21, 2003
For: **Four Wheel-Drive Vehicle**
Inventors: Abend *et al.*
Our Ref: 0666.1960001/TGD/MAP

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement and Requirement For Election of Species; and

2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Restriction Requirement and Requirement for Election of Species

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of **Group II**, represented by claims 12-21 drawn to a four-wheel drive articulated vehicle. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in related applications. This election is made **without traverse**.

In addition, in reply to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement in the same Office Action dated June 8, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the species shown in Figures 12-22. Elected claims 12-21 all read on the elected species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). This election is made **without traverse**.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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